

BOOK REVIEW

The Journal of William Tully, Medical Student at Dartmouth, 1808-1809. Oliver S. Hayward and Elizabeth H. Thomson, editors. Foreword by John F. Fulton. New York, Science History Publications, 1977. xxiv + 88 pp. 7 illustrations. \$15.00.

PUBLISHED primary material dealing with early American medical education and practice is less abundant than one would like. William Tully (1785-1859) was a medical student at Dartmouth for the term 1808-1809, and this is his diary. A Yale B.A. (1806) and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, this student journal reveals Tully as a pompous snob amid much circumstantial detail about his year of study under the redoubtable Nathan Smith (1762-1828). One learns that if Tully did not like Hanover, N.H. (p. 24), he really hated Dartmouth, which (p. 63) he regarded as "an Indian institution indeed." He sneered at Harvard (p. 32), took his Greek letter fraternity very seriously indeed, and commented unfavorably on the advanced ages (p. 51) of his medical classmates, many of them on the wrong side of 40. But student life is student life, and, not surprisingly, he left Dartmouth without a degree, a defect supplied by—who else—Yale, after he had been in practice 10 years. Attractively printed and with much "front matter," the journal is an entertaining bit of early medical Americana, reassuring us that things may not change as much as we think.

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Errata

On page 908 of the November 1979 issue the address for reprint requests from W. John B. Hodgson should be 88 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, Conn. 06904.

On page 966 of the November 1979 issue the title of the resolution should read *Induced Termination of Pregnancy and Medicaid Coverage*.